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AMENDMENT

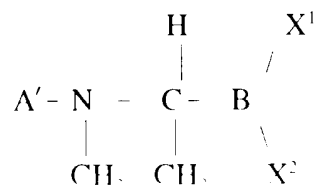
Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 4, 1998. A Request for a one-month extension of time and appropriate fee are submitted concurrently herewith.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 35-51 as follows:

35. (Amended) A mixture of stereoisomers consisting of two or more compounds of the following structure [An isolated compound having the structure]:



wherein each X¹ and X² is, independently, a hydroxyl group or a group capable of being hydrolyzed to a hydroxyl group at physiological pH;